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## CHRISTMAS OVER THERE

By John Palmer Cumming

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I wonder how they're spending their Christmas over there,

Without a khaki soldier to remind them of a care;  
With no one standing beside the old estaminet,  
And none to kid the kids along, still happy as they play.

I suppose the madame's soufflet that teased the lazy flames

Is hanging where it used to when she taught us Frenchy names;

The pets are purring softly and the oilclothed table there  
Is waiting for the guests to come and leave the dishes bare.

The Padre's holding Christmas mass; the road is lined with teams,

A crispy snow is sparkling in the wintry sunny gleams;  
And Jeannette, Marie and our Louise are dressed in gay array,

A-teasing peasant laddies in an old familiar way.

There must be some happy orphans whose parrains don't forget

About the checks they promised that some are sending yet,

But if Fate should send me back again across the sea apace,

I think I'd choke with loneliness, completely out of place;

For it's a happy Christmas they're having over there,  
With everybody working for a France without a care,

With everybody shouldering the tasks that Peace has made,

With laughter mingling in the fields where we were on parade.

So, it doesn't make much difference if they never think of me

As long as there are smiling lips to fit a cup of tea,  
As long as there are embers to paint a rosy glow  
And they can have a Christmas like the ones of long ago.

## MONUMENT TO MARINE UNVEILED AT QUANTICO

Amid dignified ceremonies, and in the presence of a notable gathering, the statue of a Marine, purchased by contributions throughout the Marine Corps, was dedicated at Quantico, on December 9. Major General John A. Lejeune, commandant of the Marine Corps, and other prominent officers were present, besides many invited guests from among the military representatives of foreign countries who are in Washington attending the armament conference. This statue was produced by a Parisian sculptor, who sought first to sell it to the American Army, but failing in that venture, he remodeled his subject into that of an American Marine, and the statue was bought by popular subscription in the corps, and called "Crusader for the Right." It was first proposed to erect the statue in a public park in Washington, but that plan was disapproved by the arts commission, and it was finally decided to send it to Quantico, where it will have a truly Marine setting.—*Army and Navy Register.*

## STRENGTH OF MARINE CORPS

A corps of Marines consisting of two battalions of United States Marines were authorized by a resolution of the Continental Congress on November 10, 1775. After the conclusion of the American Revolution very few Marines were enlisted, but there were always a few to maintain continuity until July 11, 1798, when an Act of Congress established the Marine Corps as it exists today, with a strength of 37 officers, including a major commandant and 848 enlisted men. The statutory strength of the Marine Corps today is 1,251 officers and 27,400 enlisted men, or a total of 28,651 Marines.

According to figures given out December 19 by the Division of Medicine and Surgery, Navy Department, there were 946 commissioned officers, regular; 12 commissioned officers, reserve; 153 warrant officers, regular; and 21,370 enlisted men, regular; or a total of 22,481 Marines on active duty in the Marine Corps.

## ORIGIN OF THE A. E. F. "STARS AND STRIPES"

While everybody has heard of the *Stars and Stripes*, that wonderful news weekly published in the American Expeditionary Forces in France, very few are aware that its beginnings were in a Marine Corps publication. This was a small paper published at Bordeaux, France, under the editorship of Second Lieutenant Charles P. Cushing, U. S. Marine Corps, called the *Amer Marine*. Assisting him was the famous Marine cartoonist, Private A. A. Wallgren. Soon after this paper was started it became evident that the A. E. F. should have means for disseminating desirable news. Accordingly, two Army representatives were added to the staff of the *Amer Marine* and its name changed to the *Stars and Stripes*.

## EXAMINING BOARD AWAITS FINDINGS OF MEDICAL OFFICERS

The board recently appointed to examine the candidates for commission in the Marine Corps now attending school at the Marine Barracks, Washington, D. C., met Monday afternoon in the barracks to take up the preliminary arrangements for the examination. The meeting was adjourned to await the findings of the medical members of the board as to the physical qualifications of each of the fifty-three candidates.

## THAT GOOD OLD "FIRST-SHIP" OF MINE

Oh, she's banging her knees on the lonesomest pier,  
 That good old first-ship of mine,  
 And the mud of the Back-Channel's thick on her gear  
 That once was white with the brine,  
 For she's dingy and faded and her glory has passed  
 And her bridge is all rusty, and her stacks and her mast,  
 And her rudder is sticky and her turrets froze fast,  
 That good old first-ship of mine.

Oh, the paint on her sides is all pitted and scarred,  
 That good old first-ship of mine,  
 For the winds and the storms, they have handled her hard  
 Though she didn't whimper or whine,  
 With her scuppers all gaping and her tarpaulins torn,  
 With her brasses unpolished and her gratings all worn,  
 Just the ghost of a fighter with her glory all shorn,  
 That good old first-ship of mine.

Yet I know she still stirs to the Song of the Sail,  
 That good old first-ship of mine.  
 And I know that she thrills to the beat of the gale  
 And tugs and tears at her line  
 With a hate in her soul for the pier where the lee is,  
 Oh, I know—'cause I'm Back-Channel'd the same way  
 that she is  
 That good old first-ship of mine. "The California Cub"

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## We Keep in Touch

with the Marine Corps by reading THE  
 LEATHERNECK. With interest we follow the  
 strenuous life of the "DEVIL DOGS."

Outside of the mere business aspect of the  
 case, we read with pleasure that the wearing of  
 civilian clothes when on liberty is again in vogue.

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## Do You Know

That a remarkable example of the use of sculpture to illustrate scientific facts is the frieze on the exterior of the New Institute of Human Palaeontology, in Paris, carved by Constant Roux? It depicts scenes from the life of primitive humanity; some of the subjects being reconstructions of prehistoric periods while others represent contemporary life among uncivilized people.

That the first recorded account in American history of the discovery of coal is contained in Hennepin's narratives of his explorations of the West between 1673 and 1680, when he found coal outcropping in the tall bluffs of the Illinois River, not far from Ottawa and La Salle?

That the fez is no longer to be the national headdress of the Turk, according to a decision of the National Assembly? The "kalpak" will be substituted. The "kalpak" is made of black cloth or felting, and is somewhat similar to the fez, only flatter and broader.

That the "queen of women mountaineers" is Mrs. Fanny Bullock-Workman, the most intrepid woman climber the world has so far known, who with her husband, has conquered many of the most difficult Himalayan peaks, beating one world's record after another?

That the latest idea in prison construction is to use for bars metal pipes filled with water kept under high pressure by connection with a central pump? The slightest break in any bar would cause a jet of water to spurt, and the leakage would be registered at once on a dial at the central pump.

That only four statues of women, with the exception of royal effigies, are to be found in England? They are Sister Dora, in Walsall; Florence Nightingale, in Waterloo Place, London; Sarah Siddons, on Paddington Green, and Nurse Cavell, in St. Martin's Place, London.

That Philippine waters abound in food fishes, but fishing is done only in shallow waters, and the catch is not adequate for the demands of the islanders? Among the fish available are anchovies, herrings, pompanos, sea bass, mullets, milkfish, barracudas, porgies, grunts, parrot fish and soldier fish.

That experiments have proved that it is possible to change the color of certain precious and semi-precious stones by exposing them to the action of radium? A scientist put a number of sapphires of different kinds into a box that contained a small quantity of radium. A month later the white sapphires had become yellow, the blue sapphires green, the wine-colored sapphires red, the dark blue sapphires violet.

That trees often live to a great age, and while they are standing it is a difficult matter to arrive at their age, but when they have been cut down, it is said, the age may be reckoned by counting the number of rings visible in the section?

That umbrellas are not of modern invention, as they are found sculptured on the monuments of Egypt and in the ruins of Nineveh, and were used in China and India in ancient times, while in Greece they had an important part in funeral services?

That mosquitoes 2,000,000 years old have been found in the Eocene rocks of Wyoming and Colorado?

That honeycombs made of aluminum, lightly coated with beeswax, have been successfully used by New Zealand apiarists?

That the first use of the word "strike," as applied to labor troubles, occurred in a London newspaper in 1765? In September of that year were numerous references to a great stoppage of labor in the coal fields, and the workers are said to have "struck out" for higher wages.



### Harking Backward

It's many years since I hung up my stockings in my room, and in the early morning hours I woke up in the gloom and in my bare feet pattered to where my presents lay, to see what Santa Claus had brought to me for Christmas Day.

He used to bring me trains of cars and soldiers dressed in blue, and books and toys for little boys, and other presents too. And though the other trinkets were as welcome as can be, it was the books and soldiers that made a hit with me.

Many years have passed since then, yet through the stress and storm, I've always had a love for books and for a uniform. And while I like the "blues" the best, I guess it is because I still recall the soldiers that I got from Santa Claus.

Old-timer says: "Now that I've bought Christmas presents for the wife, mother-in-law, brothers, sisters and several other relatives, I'm all ready to start the New Year dead broke!"

Someone ought to start mail bandit insurance, now that the Marines are making mail robbery such a dangerous profession.

—St. Paul Press.

### A Family Affair

The Marine Corps sergeant was a pretty good husband, as husbands go, but he was a little lax when it came to sending home the monthly check to the wife. Once, when the check was long overdue, she wrote:

"Dear John: Unless you immediately send home some money for the support of myself and our two children, we will all have to go to the poorhouse—Your loving Nell."

Shortly afterward she received this reply: "Dear Nell: Please don't go to the poorhouse yet. Stick around for a couple of months till I'm discharged, and we'll all go to the poorhouse together—Your loving John."

### A Hard Subject

If there is any course in the Marine Corps Institute that should require a lot of hard study, it's the Concrete Engineering Course.

### Signs and Omens

Jones—Do you believe in signs?

Bones—I sure do.

Jones—Are you superstitious?

Bones—Nope. I'm taking the Sign Painting Course in the M. C. I.

"The mail must be delivered or there must be a Marine dead at his post of duty," says Secretary Denby in his instructions to the mail guards. And somehow one gets the impression that the Marines, like the

American army mule, do not die very often. —Bellingham (Wash.) Reville.

### Page Bill Highhat

"Drop that gun! You haven't got a chance with me!" thundered the voice of a bull in the dark. The Devil Dog could be seen creeping stealthily forward—something—it seemed a bandit moved ahead of him. At the end of the wall the shadow of himself slipped away from William Hart Highhat. Go get 'em, Bill!

### A Trifling Oversight

A couple of recruits of the latest vintage were discussing the pros and cons of service life at Parris Island.

"It ain't so bad," confided one. "Most of it is all right, but it's that blasted relief from guard duty that gets me."

"Relief from guard duty!" ejaculated the other. "Man, you're cuckoo! There's nothing to being relieved from guard duty. It's being on guard duty that's tough."

"No," maintained the first, "it's the relief. Why, the other day they put me on guard duty for two hours, and it wasn't bad at all just standing around and watching the rest of 'em drilling and knowing that I didn't have to do it myself, but when the time for relief came the corporal came up and gave me the devil."

"What for?"

"Nothing—nothing at all. I just couldn't remember where I left my rifle."

### Ever Notice It?

Some fellows can't explain "Squads right,"

Like sergeants we could name,  
But when they execute that move—  
They get there just the same.

Instead of stamping a package "Registered," it might be a good idea to affix a small portrait of a Marine.

—Newark Ledger.

### Ask Dad—He Knows!

It was little Ethel's first visit to the Post Exchange. Her father, a Marine Corps captain, had dropped in to buy some necessary articles and had taken along his five-year-old daughter for company.

The business-like private drew a pencil from behind his ear, jotted down the sum total of the captain's purchases, wrapped up the articles in a parcel, gave the captain his change, and proceeded to straighten up his temporarily disordered stock.

Little Ethel watched the brisk movements of the Post Exchange clerk with the keenest interest, but said nothing until her father was ready to leave. Then she clutched at his coat sleeve and asked, just loud enough for the embarrassed private to hear:

"Say, daddy, is he a Merchant Marine?"

### It Happens

He heard the order, "Present arms!"

He took the proper pose;

Alas, the rifle wobbled and—

It banged him on the nose!

### More About the Mail Guard

Good news to hear that the Marines are on the job to defend mail trains against bandits. When the Devil Dogs meet the bandits it will be good-bye bandits.

—Boulder (Colo.) Herald.

Just as a kindly tip to mail bandits, it is suggested that they take notice of the

medals for marksmanship pinned to the breast of nearly every member of the Marines.

—San Francisco Chronicle.

There is one sure thing about this post-office business: you can just bet your last dollar that none of the registered mail-pouch robbers will ever try telling it to the Marines.—Oakland (Calif.) Enquirer.

On second thought, those postal robbers are likely to conclude that they would rather even work than look into the front end of a sawed-off shotgun with a Marine in charge of its operating mechanism.

—Indianapolis News.

Persistently neglectful husbands may find the sight of a Marine a convenient reminder to "post that letter."

—San Francisco Examiner.

### Inside Information

First Marine—What did that bird do for a living before he enlisted?

Second Marine—He used to polish pianos on the "outside."

### ON THE INSIDE

(Acknowledgments to K. C. B.)

WHEN CHRISTMAS day comes.

I AM GOING to crawl.

OUT OF THE bunk.

UNCLE SAM furnished me.

AND PUT ON a uniform.

THAT WAS GIVEN to me.

BY THE SAME party.

AND ALONG about noon.

I'M GOING TO sit down.

AND EAT my share.

OF THE CHRISTMAS chow.

THAT WILL BE provided.

BY THE SAME good friend.

I'VE ALREADY mentioned.

THEN PERHAPS at night.

I'LL SEE A free movie.

AND ENJOY THE whole day.

PRACTICALLY without cost.

YOU MAY HAVE noticed.

THAT YOU GET all that.

AND A FREE education.

WITH MONEY to spend.

AND OTHER advantages.

AND I WANT to know.

WHERE CAN YOU do it.

ON THE OUTSIDE.

I THANK YOU.

HASH MARK.



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## MERRY CHRISTMAS

THE LEATHERNECK extends to its subscribers, readers, and friends, a heartfelt wish for a yule season full of cheer and happiness and a hope that each succeeding year will bring greater joy, and that your lives will be filled brimful with happiness, content, and success and that the adversities and trials of life will bring to you a fuller significance and a firmer belief in what Christmas represents.

## THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Christmas this year, as for many years past, will find Marines scattered all over the globe, performing their various duties for Uncle Sam.

Some of us will be fortunate enough to spend Christmas this year with the home folks. Others must be content to spend the day with their buddies in barracks or on battleships. Some hundreds, no doubt, will be guarding the Christmas mails.

Christmas has always been a big day in the Marine Corps. Mess sergeants will outdo themselves in providing a spread fit for a king. At many stations, at home and abroad, special arrangements will be made for the entertainment of the men.

If the usual precedent is followed, the Marines out in China, the Philippines, or down in Haiti will get their ample fill of turkey and all the fixings. The men at home posts will be equally well provided for.

On this day of all days we should emphasize the spirit of "Peace on earth, good-will toward men." It doesn't matter where we happen to be stationed, the Christmas spirit is big enough to reach clear round the world.

Christmas to most of us is the biggest day of the year. But it would be nothing more than an annual holiday if it were not for the Christmas spirit, which on that day finds its lodgment in every man's heart.

## THE DEMAND FOR EDUCATION

Six months ago a representative of the Marine Corps Institute, while at the International Correspondence Schools, Scranton, Pa., was asked the following question by an official of that organization: "Do you believe that the interest in education, now so noticeable in the military service, will continue after the period of reconstruction?"

With no means of measuring "futures" other than the progress of the Marine Corps Institute to that date, and the interest then being taken by members of the Marine Corps in the opportunity offered them to enroll in the courses of a correspondence school of recognized worth

and international reputation free of charge, the man from the Marine Corps Institute replied: "In the Marine Corps there will always be found a large number of men who welcome an opportunity for study. This type was found in the before-the-war Marine Corps as well as now, but in those days a man had to pay for a course of instruction from a civilian correspondence school, or else do without, and the result was that many men were deterred because of the cost of the courses. The correspondence method of instruction has already proven its adaptability to service conditions. It has been tried in barracks, on board ship, and in the field. All over the world at every Marine station you will find students of the Marine Corps Institute. The system of instruction has delivered the goods in every respect, as is attested by the number of students already graduated."

Now, after six months, we are going to ask the same question in a slightly different form: Is the educational feature of the service as popular today as when the Marine Corps Institute was founded? Are the newly enlisted Marines, the recruits, enrolling in the Marine Corps Institute as eagerly as the men who enlisted or reenlisted immediately after the demobilization of the war-time army, and the words "Service" and "School" were almost synonymous?

The answer is: Yes. The following figures should settle all doubts, if any, in the minds of those that believe educational activities in the peace-time service are merely hang-overs of the after-war hysteria. At the Marine Corps training camp, Marine Barracks, Parris Island, S. C., over five hundred newly enlisted Marines, out of approximately seven hundred and fifty, enrolled in less than two weeks, the first two weeks of this month. The total number of enrollments for the month of December alone will exceed one thousand, or in one month one-twentieth of the strength of the Marine Corps (approximately) enrolled voluntarily in courses of study that will necessitate the use of some of their leisure time for study purposes.

The fact has been commented upon that men recently enlisting in the Marine Corps seem to appreciate the value of special training and education much more than those who enlisted during the early part of 1920, when everyone was talking education, and expected to obtain knowledge by some mechanical process requiring no power of will or exertion other than enrolling.

The students now enrolled, taken collectively, are a much more earnest and appreciative body than those enrolled at the beginning of the Marine Corps Institute. Therefore greater things are expected of them, and we know that 1922 will mark a substantial advance in activity, students enrolled, and graduates.

## GOVERNMENT NEED FOR WORKERS IN REHABILITATION

Washington, D. C., December 20, 1921.—The United States Civil Service Commission states that there is urgent need for reconstruction assistants and aides in physiotherapy and occupational therapy, trained nurses, and physicians, to serve in hospitals and other establishments of the United States Public Health Service and the Veterans' Bureau, in the care and rehabilitation of men injured in the World War.

Full information and application blanks may be obtained from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., or from the Secretary of the Local Board of Civil Service Examiners at the post office or custom house in any city.

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Sailor—When I was at Bimbo, South Africa, not twenty rods from the hut in which I spent the night there was a family of laughing hyenas.

Uncle Josh—That was good; you had pleasant neighbors, anyway.

—The Smoke Screen.

He—I trust I am not tiring you with my presence.

She (sweetly)—What presents?

#### He Fell Into Matrimony

Falling 600 feet into matrimony is the experience of Donald Gale Page, 19-year-old sergeant of Marines. Flying near Greenville, N. C., he joked about the hospital below. Next instant, the motor went dead, the plane dropped. The airplane had apparently been brought down by one of Dan Cupid's arrows, for Page married the nurse who cared for him after he had been pried out of the wreckage.—*Evansville (Ind.) Press.*

#### Two and Two-thirds of Two

"Late for reveille again, I see, O'Malley," snorted the irate captain. "How do you account for this persistent tardiness?"

"Tis inherited, sir," answered Private O'Malley. "Me father was the late Michael O'Malley." —*American Legion Weekly.*

Civilian—How much pay do you get in the Navy?

Sailor—Twenty-four bucks a day.

Civilian—What! Twenty-four dollars a day!

Sailor—Yeah, but we only get it two days a month.

—Blue Hen Weekly.

Jakey—Papa, vot is Vortex?

Papa—Dot's the extra cent on ice cream soda.

—Marine Corps Builder.

After an automobile driver has raced a train to the railway crossing and lost, he never tries it again.

—Chicago Daily News.

A searchlight has been invented that will throw a light five miles into the air, but there isn't anything up there to see when they do it. —*Aurora (Ore.) Observer.*

#### Modern Action

"Niggah, shoot yo' dollah, an' give us a little Ford action."

"Boy, what do you all mean by Ford action?"

"Shake, rattle and roll, niggah, shake, rattle and roll." —*Naval Air Current.*

"How far do you travel in crossing the ocean from Liverpool to New York?" asked the teacher.

"Four thousand miles," replied Asthma.

Teacher: "Think again, Asthma."

"I'm right," insisted the youth. "It says only three thousand miles in the book, but that's just a straight line. When you count the ups and downs, it's four thousand. I've been across." —*Daily Log.*

"Scrambled eggs," ordered a customer in a city market restaurant. "Milk toast," murmured his companion, who was not feeling well.

"Scramble two and a graveyard stew," sang out the waitress with the Titian hair.

"Here," corrected the second man, "I want milk toast."

"You'll get it, buddy," replied the girl. "That's what they call milk toast down in Pittsburgh where I worked."

The two customers held a conference and decided to "put one over" on the "fresh young thing" from Pittsburgh. The first one wanted a glass of milk and the second a cup of black coffee.

When the girl appeared to put a "set up" of the restaurant artillery in front of the men, the second man gave the following order:

"A bottle of lacteal fluid for my friend and a scuttle of Java with no sea foam for me."

"Chalk one an' a dipper of ink," shouted the girl. She didn't even grin.

—The Arklight.

An Arkansas sailor sneaked into a New York restaurant the other day and asked cautiously:

"Got any Scotch?" And the waiter said "Sure," then sneaked to the kitchen and brought him in a bowl of oatmeal.

—The Arklight.

When you feel yourself a-slippin', stick out your claws and hold fast, or put some more sand on the track.

—The Smoke Screen.

#### MARINES MAY PLAY PENN STATE NEXT YEAR

Baltimore, Dec. 21.—Negotiations are under way for a football game between Penn State and the Quantico Marines for early next season. This is the first move of Brig. Gen. Smedley D. Butler, commander at Quantico, to gain recognition for the Marines similar to that which the Naval Academy and West Point enjoy. Lieut. John Beckett, football star and coach at Quantico, is a product of Hugo Bezdek, the Penn State coach, and their friendship may culminate in the signing of a contract for 1922.

The Marines have been offered a date with George Washington University and there is a possibility that Georgetown may give the "Devil Dogs" a place on their schedule. These three college games and service championship contests with the Army and Navy will be about all the Marines will want to undertake for 1922.

Negotiations already are under way between the Marines and Penn State. Lieut. Beckett and Coach Bezdek have had some correspondence and it is said to be hopeful to the Marines' cause. When Beckett played at Oregon he was coached by Bezdek. Sanderson also was on that team, so Hugo naturally favors the Marines.—*Washington (D. C.) Herald.*

#### FROM THE TROPICS

Christmas day, U. S. A.,  
Merry sleighbells jingle,  
Frosty air everywhere,  
Cheeks that glow and tingle;  
Laugh and smoke, talk and joke,  
Everybody jolly,  
Festive spread, overhead  
Mistletoe and holly.

Philippines: The Marines  
On this day are only  
Thinking of those they love  
And it makes them lonely.  
In this hot tropic spot  
Down the sun is burning;  
Christmas cheer, home folks dear  
For you we are yearning.

Come once more, days of yore,  
Good old Christmas weather,  
When each heart, now apart,  
May be drawn together.  
Hope some day that we may  
Have a joyous meeting;  
'Til we do—luck to you  
And our Christmas greeting!

—From a Marine in the Philippines.

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### CHRISTMAS DINNERS FOR MAIL GUARDS

In various parts of the country Christmas dinners are being arranged for the members of the Marine Corps who for some time past have been doing duty on the United States mail trains. Secretary Denby is in receipt of a letter from E. H. Day, mayor of Trinidad, Colorado, who states that his city is preparing to play host on Christmas day to the Marines on mail cars. The mayor himself will be the host to the Marines as they stop off at Trinidad. In his letter he states: "As these splendid young fellows are engaged in the dangerous line of duty, they are certainly entitled to all the consideration we can show them. I wish we could make this a national idea and get all the boys taken care of for Christmas."

To Mayor Day the Secretary has sent the following letter:

MY DEAR MR. MAYOR:

It was with genuine pleasure that I received your letter of the 16th instant informing me of your splendid and patriotic action in inviting the Marines who are guarding the mails in your city to be your dinner guests on Christmas day.

I know that these men will not only appreciate the honor and hospitality, but

will always have a warm spot in their hearts for yourself and the city of Trinidad.

I also assure you that the whole of the officers and men of the naval service highly appreciate your action.

Chicago lines up with a similar movement in charge of a committee of fifteen. Mr. S. P. Thrasher, Otis Building, Chicago, at the head of the United States Marine Corps League, has written to General John LeJeune, Commandant of the Marine Corps, that arrangements are being completed to give the 85 members of the Marine guard of Chicago a dinner Saturday at the Hotel LaSalle, with appropriate entertainment, and has also arranged for gifts for the 185 men composing the Marine guard in Chicago and those traveling on trains.

### BITS O' MUD FROM QUANTICO

By H. K.

The Post football team will have a "big-feed" banquet in the Hostess House very soon. It is expected that Secretary Denby, the Major General Commandant and several other high officials will be present, among whom will be our own Post Commander, General Butler. We put that in

last; not because it is least (far from that), but because it would be prominent by its separation from the rest and we want it to be prominent. General Butler, even though he did not play football with the team, did more than any other non-combatant could to make the game at Baltimore a success and we suggest that he be presented with one of the gold and silver foot balls that the team will receive.

The Honorable Bill Lowry of Mississippi spoke to us in the Gym Sunday night, and made it clear to us how the old "Corn-field nigger" (the words are the Honorable Bill's) gets his philosophy of life. Limited space prohibits our giving his entire talk but suffice it to say that the house rang with cheers when he was through and if it hadn't been for the fact that we had "The Great Impersonation" waiting to be shown on the screen we would have been tickled to have the Congressman talk on and on.

The basketball season has started here and the teams are down in the Gym every afternoon practicing. If they do as well as the kicking squad did, and from all present appearances they will, we will have the championship "Five" of the service. It's great to be in a Post that can produce teams of such calibre.

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## EDUCATIONAL PLANS OF VETERANS' BUREAU HAVE WIDE SCOPE

Washington, D. C.—Plans are under consideration for the establishment by the U. S. Veterans' Bureau of a nautical school in the South where 1,000 ex-service men will be trained to become officers and engineers of the American Merchant Marine, according to an announcement today of Col. Charles R. Forbes, director of the Bureau.

Col. Forbes said there are thousands of disabled ex-service men who would be physically able to undertake marine occupations and that especial opportunities await men trained in that line. He said he had determined on a site for the school at a point in the South to be announced when his plans for the school have matured.

"I also plan to establish a government music school for the education of the disabled men with musical talent," Col. Forbes said. "The music students under the rehabilitation division of the Bureau are making rapid strides toward their rehabilitation and I intend to offer them every advantage."

"It must be remembered that the nautical school will be distinct from the Veterans' Bureau Vocational School that is to be established shortly. The site of the latter school will be published following my report Monday to President Harding. Subsequently schools will be opened in the West and New England, thus completing the training school program. There are to be no new appropriations to carry out this work. We can finish this job with the tools we have."

"In order to get the best information on rehabilitation and education, I have invited some of the best known educators of the country to advise with me. This group, under the direction of Dr. John Finley of New York, one of the best authorities on education in the country, will meet December 29, 30 and 31 to go over the vocational procedure to see where it might be improved. In addition to Dr. Finley, there will be Dr. Frank Goodnow, president of Johns Hopkins University; Prof. J. C. Cunningham of Ames College, Iowa; T. W. Inzer, chaplain of the American Legion, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Louis Gustaffson of the Louis Rankin School, St. Louis, Mo.; Major Allen R. Cullimore, president of the Newark Technical Institute; Mary Roberts Rinehart, novelist of national reputation; Major Albert Sprague of the American Legion."

In discussing the placing of men on the jobs, Col. Forbes said that he could place 500 men immediately with the largest industrial and commercial establishments of the country. In response to a query, most of the larger firms of the nation have volunteered to accept disabled soldiers into their plants, for the purpose of training them in trades and crafts and ultimately absorbing them into their organization. Col. Forbes

said he intended to accept these proposals and that he would ask the managers of the fourteen district offices of the Bureau to assign trainees under their care to the various establishments. In some instances, he said, the firms have volunteered to appoint an employee to cooperate with the Bureau representatives in supervising the training of the men in those plants.

The director of the Bureau said he intended to have commercial courses given in all of the hospitals so that all men physically fit will be able to use their time to advantage in hastening their rehabilitation.

## WEEKLY REPORT Marine Corps Institute

December 21, 1921

Total number Individuals enrolled... 4307

### ENROLLMENT BY SCHOOLS

#### Business Schools

Civil Service .....	224
Commerce .....	277
Banking, etc. ....	18
Business Management .....	47
Commercial Law .....	57
Higher Accounting .....	140
Railroad Accounting .....	11
Traffic Management .....	33
General English .....	644
Preparatory .....	149

#### Construction Schools

Agriculture .....	83
Poultry Husbandry .....	36
Domestic Science .....	14
Architecture .....	77
Drafting .....	116
Civil Engineering .....	141
Navigation .....	66
Textiles .....	7
Plumbing, etc. ....	63
Concrete Engineering .....	11
Structural Engineering .....	10

#### Industrial Schools

Automobiles .....	686
Chemistry .....	34
Mining & Metallurgy .....	32
Refrigeration .....	5
Pharmacy .....	17
Electrical Engineering .....	358
Telephony & Telegraphy .....	41
Steam Engineering .....	58
Mechanical Engineering .....	82
Shop Practice .....	49
Gas Engines .....	84

#### Publicity Schools

Salesmanship .....	197
Advertising .....	49
Foreign Trade .....	24
Window Trimming, etc. ....	7
Illustrating and Design .....	97
Show Card Writing .....	29
Lettering, Sign Painting .....	31
Languages .....	203

Total..... 4307

Number of examination papers received during week..... 742

Total number of examination papers received..... 39,662

## MARINE CORPS ORDERS

December 16, 1921

Marine Gunner Robert F. Slingluff.—Detached 1st Brigade, Haiti, to M. B., Quantico, Va.

Marine Gunner Augustus O. Halter.—Detached 1st Brigade, Haiti, to M. B., Quantico, Va.

December 19, 1921

1st Lieut. (Prov.) Herman J. Jesse.—Honorably discharged from the Marine Corps Reserve.

1st Lieut. Gus L. Gloeckner.—Detached M. B., Quantico, Va., to U. S. M. C. Detached Guard Company, Omaha, Neb.

December 21, 1921

Captain Augustus T. Lewis.—Detached M. B., N. Y. D., Norfolk, Va., to U. S. M. C. Detached Guard Company, Dallas, Texas.

## "SMITTY'S CHRISTMAS AT LA VALBONNE"

By JOHN PALMER CUMMING

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Seemed like this Christmas mornin'

My thoughts went o'er the foam

To fumble in a stockin'

A-hangin' there at home;

Seemed like I seen the ashes

Still smoulderin' in the grate

Where embers painted pictures

For kids that couldn't wait.

Seemed like I seen the snowdrifts

All heaped about the lawn

An' shivered in the breeches

That I was puttin' on;

An' then I heard the children

That barefoot down the street

Came runnin' for the good things

I allus got to eat.

Seemed like I seen a mother

Who's Santa Claus no more

A-lookin' at some hos'ry

She'd hung the night before,

An' one's a-hangin' empty

Till a great big shinin' tear

Filled it to overbrimming

For her soldier over here.

Then I walk into the village,

Down here at La Valbonne,

An' I never had no money

To buy a thing my own,

An' I never had no package

And didn't get no mail,

An' I couldn't see no sunshine

A-fallin' in my trail.

Then I knowed that Christmas givin'

Was what I missed the wust

An' that longin' feelin' got me

Until I thought I'd bust;

For I hadn't sent no package

With a German souvenir

To say I felt the spirit

Of the Christmas over here.

An' then,—I seen some Frenchies

So happy in a home

That hadn't had no Christmas

Until we had crossed the foam;

Then I knowed the whole creation

Back there in towns we lef'

Was happy with a present

From the whole durned A. E. F.

## Chiropractice Makes Perfect

Rastus—Feller, why for you-all dabblin' wid dis here oysteropathy?

Sambo—"Cause Ah done read in a book dis osteropathy done treat ob de manipulat-in' ob bones, and de onliest partiality Ah's got is humorin' de gallopin' dominoes to pass in review."

—The American Legion Weekly.

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### U. S. Veterans' Bureau News Items

Five thousand seven hundred thirty-three ex-service men were interviewed during the United States Veterans' Bureau campaign in Georgia.

Carl Bronner, of Detroit, Mich., who lost both hands and the sight of both eyes in the service has been taught to use a typewriter through instruction by the Rehabilitation Division of the U. S. Veterans' Bureau.

One hundred one thousand nine hundred forty-one disabled veterans are being retrained into gainful employment by Uncle Sam. Their disabilities prevented them from returning to their previous vocation and therefore the U. S. Veterans' Bureau is reeducating them in 1,698 colleges, technical and commercial schools.

Over 500 disabled ex-service men were enrolled in the U. S. Veterans' Bureau Vocational School at Chillicothe, Ohio, when that school opened on December 1. Arrangements are being made to accommodate 5,000 students.

U. S. Veterans' Bureau regional office, No. 1, comprising the States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Maine, reports that 15,707 ex-service men were interviewed personally during the clean-up campaign conducted in that district.

Rudolph Bowman, whose vocal cords were destroyed by shell fire during the war, was taught to speak in seven months by training a new set of muscles. He is now being rehabilitated as a moving picture camera operator by the U. S. Veterans' Bureau.

### Navy Department Experiments With All Metal Aeroplanes

The Navy Department is arranging a special demonstration of the German Dornier all metal flying boat, at the Naval Aircraft Factory, Philadelphia, Pa., for the benefit of aeronautical manufacturers and engineers. It has been the policy of the Navy Department to purchase abroad examples of metal construction in order to study the

latest development in the art. These tests at Philadelphia will include demonstration in flight of the Dornier flying boat, which is a post-war product of the Zeppelin Company, and was originally designed for commercial passenger service. Several other examples of foreign construction will be available for the detailed examination of the engineers who have been invited.



And Christmas also comes to those who serve in Cuba, Haiti, Guam and the Philippines.

The gold bricks make a gaudy show to careless passers-by; four-flushers come, four-flushers go, but merit does not die.

### THAT GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELING

Didya ever get up in a ship and when you're high enough so that you can be trusted, the instructor says, "She's all yours," and you take the stick and try to give her enough right rudder to overcome the torque and by that time the nose is either up or down, or the wings aren't level, and by the time you correct those minor details she is drifting off sideways, somewhere—didya? And after you sweat blood for a while and go from rotten to rottener, the instructor grabs the stick and sets her level and directs you, in the name of all that's holy, to keep her that way, and you don't and he makes a few choice remarks as to the amount of gray matter you are endowed with, and the horizon gets the St. Vitus dance, and the wings absolutely refuse to stay put, and the instructor tells you you are a goof, which is superfluous, because you've known that for some time. Just about then your instructor's remarks are hot enough to scorch the tail surfaces and you wish you had a transmitter on the Gosport phone so you could come back at him, and you resolve to hide it somewhere tomorrow. Didya ever notice that just about then you get mad and pull yourself together and manage to hold her level for a minute or two and you find it's not so bad, after all? Just then, if your instructor nods his approbation—oh, boy, ain't it a gran' an' glorious feelin'?—*Carlstrom News.*

### Promise Action on Veterans' Bill

The adjusted compensation bill for veterans of the World War will be passed within the next ninety days, Hanford MacNider, commander of the American Legion, was informed recently by Senator McCumber and Representative Joseph Fordney.

The measure will become effective in July, 1922, as originally provided for, Commander MacNider was further assured.

Commander MacNider had a conference with President Harding recently and was entertained at luncheon by the Iowa delegation in Congress.—*Washington Herald.*

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